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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE
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1. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF ANSWERS TO RESPECTIVE QUESTIONS IN
REFTEL:

1) ENTRY INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL REQUIRES SATISFACTORY COMPLETION
OF COLLEGE-LEVEL PRE MEDICAL COURSE WHICH MAY INCLUDE
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE. APPLICATION REQUIRES RESULTS ALSO
OF MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST(APTITUDE) WHICH IS
HANDLED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES

(AAMC). BECAUSE OF COMPETITION FOR LIMITED PLACES, MOST
STUDENTS APPLY TO SEVERAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS. TO SIMPLIFY THE
MULTIPLE APPLICATION PROCESS, MOST MEDICAL SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION
SYSTEM(AMCAS), ADMINISTERED BY THE AAMC, BY WHICH SINGLE
APPLICATION IS MADE FOR THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS OF INTEREST.

2) ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE FAIRLY WELL STANDARDIZED BY
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VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES THROUGH COORDINATION BY AAMC. AMA

HAS INDIRECT ROLE THROUGH ACCREDITATION PROCESS OF SCHOOLS THEMSELVES.

3) USUALLY NO.

4) IN CONTRAST TO SOME EUROPEAN SYSTEMS, IN U.S. LICENSURE TO PRACTICE IS STATE GOVERNMENT FUNCTION SEPARATE FROM DEGREE GRANTING BY MEDICAL SCHOOL. LICENSURE HAS REQUIREMENTS ADDITIONAL TO THE DEGREE, SUCH AS LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND INTERNSHIP.

5) FOREIGNER APPLIES DIRECT TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR ADMISSION. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, IT IS RARE THAT FOREIGNER IS ACCEPTED UNLESS HE HAS COMPLETED PREMEDICAL EDUCATION IN U.S.

2. IF FURTHER DETAILS DESIRED, SUGGEST PERSON CONTACT FOLLOWING:

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AAMC ALSO HAS ANNUAL PUBLICATION ON SUBJECT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE(ABOUT \$5). KISSINGER

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